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INCREASE IN DEFENCE ALLOCATIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been made to increase defence allocation for the modernisation of the Armed Forces to keep pace with the developments in other parts of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the pattern of utilisation of defence allocation during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The requirement of funds for defence services, including the requirement of funds for their modernization, is assessed and projected to the Ministry of Finance once a year as a part of the normal budgetary process provided for in the Constitution of India. While the progress of expenditure is monitored regularly, additional requirement, if any, is met either by seeking supplementary grants or projecting the requirement to the Ministry of Finance at the Revised Estimates stage. During the current financial year, no additional demand has been made for modernization of the Armed Forces as the requirement of additional funds has not arisen so far.

(c) The pattern of utilization of defence allocation during the last five years has been as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Utilization
2002-2003	55661.83
2003-2004	60065.80
2004-2005	75855.92
2005-2006	80548.98
2006-2007	85494.64